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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-45, 47-70, and 72-83 remain in this application. Claims 4, 6, 46, and 71 have been canceled. Independent Claims 1, 38, and 63 have been amended and dependent Claims 5, 7, 47, and 72 have been amended to correct for dependency. Claims 25-37, 62, and 83 have been noted as allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowed and allowable claims.

Claims 1-5, 8, 13, 17-22, 38-42, 45, 50, 54-59, 63-67, 70, and 75-80 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Cai (US 6,134,246) and Claims 13 and 50 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cai in view of Counterman (US 6,222,858).

Further, the Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 6-7, 9-12, 14-16, 23-24, 43-44, 46-49, 51-53, 60-61, 68-69, 71-74, and 81-82 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To facilitate immediate allowance of claims in the present application, Applicant has amended all rejected independent claims (Claims 1, 38, and 63) to include subject matter which the Examiner acknowledged as allowable. More specifically, subject matter of Claims 4 and 6 has been included in Claim 1; subject matter of Claim 46 has been included in Claim 38; and subject matter of Claim 71 has been included in Claim 63. All other independent claims (25, 62, and 83) have been noted as allowed. For at least this reason, Applicant believes all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

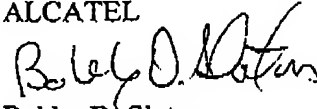
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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

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